



Dianne Young, CEO Exhibition Place

Dianne Young completed her law degree at the University of Ottawa and was called to the Ontario Bar in 1986. She went on to receive her Masters of Law from York University in 1988 in the area of public regulatory law. Dianne started her career in the municipal sector in 1989 working at the Legal Department for the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto. From 1991 to 1997, she held the position of Executive Director in the Office of the Metropolitan Chairman. With the merger of all municipal corporations to form the City of Toronto in 1999, Dianne moved to Exhibition Place, a local board of the City of Toronto, where she has held successive positions as General Manager and Chief Executive Officer.

Dianne is a dedicated proponent of corporate and environmental responsibility and currently sits as chair of the Exhibition Place GREENSmart team. Through this team Dianne has led the way for Exhibition Place to become a world leader in environmental stewardship and energy efficient technologies. Since 2004 Exhibition Place has been actively implementing a number of environmental initiatives to create and conserve energy and reduce emissions and waste. Dianne has been the driving force behind initiatives such as installing an Energy Control System, a Geothermal Plant, Photovoltaic panels, a trigeneration project, an aggressive waste diversion project rendering the grounds 80% waste free and the first permanent wind turbine in the City of Toronto. As a testament to Dianne's efforts Exhibition Place is the first entertainment, convention and exhibition facility, and one of only nine organizations, to be inducted into Ontario Environmental Leaders Program.

Dianne is a member of UFI, and sits on the recently formed UFI Social Corporate Responsibilities Committee. As a regular guest speaker, Dianne demonstrates her dedication to environmental responsibility, Exhibition Place and the various venues with great ease.

About Exhibition Place

Exhibition Place is Canada's largest entertainment venue, attracting over 5.3 million visitors a year. The 192-acre site is an integral component of Toronto and Ontario's economy, particularly with respect to trade and consumer shows, sporting events, festivals, recreation, culture and tourism. Exhibition Place is home of the 1 million square foot Direct Energy Centre, Canada's largest exhibition and convention centre. In October 2009 Allstream Centre joins Direct Energy Centre as Canada's first Centre to target LEED Silver and will continue to demonstrate high profile events with a focus on environmental responsibility. Exhibition Place and Direct Energy Centre have been the recipients of numerous environmental achievement awards over the years, including the 2008 Platinum Facility Management from the Recycling Council of Ontario, 2006 Outstanding Achievement in Innovation in Business Solutions Awards from IAEE and the 2006 Solar Award for the Solar Photovoltaic Project of the Year from CanSIA.